Office of the Governor

* MENTAL HEALTH MONTH *

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key to the academic, employment and social success of persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems do not discriminate—they know no race, creed, age limit or economic status; and

WHEREAS, feeling depressed or hopeless is not a normal part of growing older, and early diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems can help children reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, seeking help is not a sign of weakness, and taking care of ourselves is an act of strength; and

WHEREAS, recovery is possible, and with the right support, individuals can be productive, have improved quality of life and live in communities of their choice; and

WHEREAS, investing in effective mental health programs saves lives and money.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as

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and urge all Arizonans to join me in increasing awareness of the importance of mental health and the need for appropriate, accessible services for all individuals with mental health disorders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State